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FM AMCONSUL HALIFAX
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AMCONSUL WINNIPEG
ALL CONSULATES IN CANADA (BY POUCH)

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SUBJECT: FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS: PRESS
COMMENTARY

1. MAY 26 HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD" CARRIES EDITORIAL
SPECULATING THAT TRUDEAU MAY CALL FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION
THIS YEAR. EDITORIAL BASES SPECULATION ON: 1) RECENT
POLLS WHICH GIVE LIBERALS 10 PERCENT EDGE OVER PC S
2) LIBERAL VICTORIES IN FIVE OF SIX FEDERAL BYELECTIONS
HELD MAY 24, AND 3) POSSIBLE USE BY TRUDEAU OF CLAIM
THAT HE NEEDS NEW AND STRONGER MANDATE TO FACE PREMIER
RENE LEVESQUE WHEN LATTER CHOOSES TO CALL HIS REFERENDUM
ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF QUEBEC. EDITORIAL TERMS BYELECTION
VICTORIES "A NEW SHOT OF STRENGTH FOR MR TRUDEAU" AND
"FOR MR CLARK, THEY DELIVERED A MAJOR SETBACK."

2. IN SAME ISSUE OF PAPER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF HAROLD SHEA
HAS A COLUMN HEADLINED "GRINDING OF WHEELS", REFERRING
TO WHAT HE CONCEPTUALIZES AS THE CURRENT THINKING OF
PREMIERS REGAN OF NOVA SCOTIA, CAMPBELL OF PEI, AND
SCHREYER OF MANITOBA ON PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS. SHEA
BELIEVES THAT REGAN AND CAMPBELL MUST BE GIVING CAREFUL
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CONSIDERATION TO CALLING OF PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF UPSWING IN LIBERAL FORTUNES. CAMPBELL,
ESPECIALLY, MAY BE TEMPTED NOW THAT PROVINCIAL PC LEADER
J ANGUS MAC LEAN S OLD HOUSE OF COMMONS SEAT IN
MALPEQUE RIDING HAS BEEN WON BY THE LIBERALS.

3. SHEA STATES THAT SCHREYER AND HIS NDP PARTY HAD

PLANNED TO CALL MANITOBA S ELECTION FOR JUNE OR JULY
UNTIL PREMIER DAVIS BEAT HIM TO THE PUNCH BY CALLING
THE ONTARIO ELECTION. SCHREYER DID NOT WANT TO HAVE THE
NDP ATTEMPTING TO WAGE SIMULTANEOUS CAMPAIGNS IN BOTH
PROVINCES. SHEA THINKS THAT SCHREYER WILL NOT WAIT MUCH
LONGER TO CALL AN ELECTION. HE WILL WANT TO CAPITALIZE
ON THE RECENT PC SLIDE IN THE POLLS AND BYELECTION
DEFEATS. SHEA SAYS THAT THE LIBERALS PRESENT NO REAL
CHALLENGE TO THE NDP IN MANITOBA.
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